(d) The price at which toddy can be sold?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

(a) There are no rules. But the number is fixed according to the actual requirements.

(b) No distance is specified.

(c) A minimum of 20 cocoanut trees, 15 palmyras or 10 sagos should be applied for with each original application by toddy shop-keepers. More trees will not be allowed than are sufficient to meet the actual requirements.

(d) Not fixed. But the frontier shops have to sell toddy at rates not lower than those prevailing in the neighbouring Malabar District and the Travancore State, as the case may be.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Sub-division (b)—is the price of the toddy fixed? Is it left to the sweet will of the auctioneers or the contractors to sell toddy at any price as they like?

Mr. V.B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

At present it is so.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

So they can increase or decrease the price according to the times.

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

But there is that qualification with regard to frontier shops.

The location of a toddy shop in Pudukkad.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

190. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) Whether the toddy shop at Pudukkad is located within a few yards of the school consisting of about 700 students;

(b) Whether it is very near the church, the chapel, the post office, the C. Y. M. A. Hall and the market;

(c) Whether the Excise Superintendent or the District Magistrate has received complaints from the local public for the removal of the said toddy shop to any other place;

(d) Whether the Excise Superintendent has received statements from the Headmaster and the local public to the effect that students are waylaid and molested and Rev. Fathers ill-treated and abused by the drunkards in the vicinity of the shop;

(e) The action taken by the Government in the matter;

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(f) Whether the Excise Superintendent, at least to justify his "policy of minimising temptation", given orders for immediate removal of the said shop from that locality?

Mr.V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

(a) It is located at a distance of 100 yards from the nearest school.

(b) More than 100 yards off from the church, chapel, etc., but nearer to the market.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The entrance to the shop on the western side which opens into the Panchayat road was ordered to be closed, and the shop was made to face southwards, as that portion of the road is generally not used by the public.

(f) All that could be done during the course of the year has been done. The shop will be removed further away next year.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Sub-division (e)—I am glad that the entrance to the shop was closed in front, and the entrance was made to face the other side, so that the school boys can have a direct look at the people. May I know further whether anything was done to prevent the uproarious noise that came out from the shop?

PRESIDENT.

Anything done to reduce it?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

I have been there twice. I did not hear any unusual noise there.

PRESIDENT.

My experience is that they do not talk while at their drink.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

At the time of the drink they make noise. I have heard that.

PRESIDENT.

It is true that after drink, if they roam about, they make noise. In that case what are we to do?

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ.

That is why we cry for Prohibition.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

There is a shop very close to my house. I am troubled very much. I put in complaints. There liquor is being sold at 10 or 12 o'clock at night. Is there any time-limit for the sale

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f liquor at night? I do not think the rules allow the sale of liquor after 12 o'clock.

PRESIDENT.

I think the detective staff do not do their duty properly. For there is a time-limit for the sale of liquor during night.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Sub-division (f)—did not the Government promise to remove the shop from its present site? Was there any complaint in regard to the location of this shop in the present site, and has the Government given a promise that the complaint shall be enquired into and the shop removed?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

In the previous years the shop was not located in the present site. In fact, the shop, as I have come to know, was located in the market itself. It was nearer to the public road than the present site Further, I do not remember to have received any complaint, nor has any complaint reached the Government about this shop, either as to the noise or as to its location.

PRESIDENT.

If the shop was located in the particular place, the complaint must be with regard to the location of some other shop in some other place.

The opening of a new arrack shop in Mattancheri.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

191. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) Whether a new arrack shop has not been opened in Toppumpadi, Mattancheri, in addition to the arrack depots sanctioned in the Diwan's Notification, dated 27th Kumbham 1100, regarding the sale of arrack shops for 1101; and

(b) the special reason, if any, for opening this shop in contravention of the opinion of the Legislative Council expressed in the course of the budget discussion that the policy of the Government should be to reduce the consumption of arrack in the State?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR.

(a) No.

(b) Does not call for an answer in view of the reply to part (a).

An article in the "Suprabhatom".

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

192. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether its attention was drawn to an article under the heading "ശ്രീ

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